

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (amended): A method for handling timers in a wireless communication system, the method comprising:

- 5 starting a Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer for a Radio Link Control Acknowledged Mode (RLC AM) entity;
- performing a reset procedure for the RLC AM entity; and
- restarting the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer in response to the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer expiring prior to completion of the reset procedure; and
- 10 not stopping the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer after the reset procedure.

Claim 2 (amended): ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising~~ A method for handling timers in a wireless communication system, the method comprising:

- 15 starting a Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer for a Radio Link Control Acknowledged Mode (RLC AM) entity;
- performing a reset procedure for the RLC AM entity;
- restarting the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer in response to the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer expiring prior to completion of the reset procedure; and
- 20 restarting the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer in response to the reset procedure.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising maintaining a value of the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer and maintaining operation of the Timer\_Poll\_Periodic timer in response to the reset procedure.

- 25 Claim 4 to Claim 27(Canceled)